

Preliminary Amendment

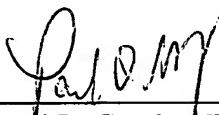
REMARKS

Claims 14 - 20 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 13 are canceled.

The present amendment is a preliminary amendment being filed concurrently with the application. As such, the Doctrine of Equivalents should be available for all of the terms of all of the claims. Favorable consideration is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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